

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments.

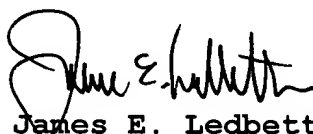
An Information Disclosure Statement is filed concurrently herewith.

Claim 13 is hereby canceled, with only allowed claims 6-12 remaining pending.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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